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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter No. 3 – Autumn Term

Friday 21st September 2018



Attendance & Punctuality

In this second full week of term we are pleased to see that two classes, Nursery and Year 1, have achieved 100% attendance! A further two classes have exceeded the 96% target, which is great. Let's aim to see everyone meet and exceed this target as the weeks progress.

Year Group	% Present
Nursery	100.0%
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	100.0%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	97.0%

We recorded 14 late marks this week, amounting to 159 minutes of lost learning time of over two hours in total for the children. Please organise your morning routine so as to arrive at school **by 8.45 am**, which means everyone will be ready to start promptly at 9 am. Thank you.

Miss Plivda will be monitoring both attendance and punctuality and parents will be contacted wherever there is a concern or where we feel support is needed.

RE and the Catholic Life of the School

Thank you to those of you who came along to yesterday's coffee morning and joined the first of what will be our monthly prayer group for parents. Yesterday we were led in prayer by Mrs Blanchfield. The next **prayer** meeting will be on **Thursday 18th October** and will be led by Mrs Tina Daniel. We are grateful for these 30 minutes of prayer and reflection in the midst of our busy lives, when we can turn to God and give thanks for the gift of our children and families. If you weren't able to attend this time, do give some thought to coming along next month. You will be most welcome.



At the presentation which followed, I talked about the imminent Section 48 Diocesan Inspection and I gave an overview of the Catholic Life of our school and how RE is taught from Nursery through to the end of Year 6. Thank you for your suggestions and thoughts about prayer books and KS2 reading linked to RE. We have taken these on board and teachers will be asking KS2 children to read from the Wednesday Word leaflets for their Tuesday homework from next week. Please support your children and encourage them by discussing God's Word together.

The children brought in some lovely photographs of their prayer areas at home and shared some very special prayers they had written. These will be collated into a book and/or display which will be shared with the rest of the St Joseph's school family. Thank you for working on this with your children.

Parent questionnaires have gone out today with an accompanying letter. These will be looked at as part of our forthcoming inspection and should be completed and returned to us, therefore, in a sealed envelope, by the end of next week please. Thank you also to those of you who offered to be available to speak to the Diocesan inspectors, whenever this occurs.



Pope Francis Tweet

This week we are sharing Monday's message from the Pope's twitter feed, which you may wish to follow yourselves:



It takes effort to always do good ... the road to holiness is not for the lazy!

Individual & Family Photographs



Stanley Baker Studios will be here to take family and individual school photographs next Thursday 27th September. Sibling groups will be taken during school. However, if you have a pre-school child whom you wish to include in a family photograph, please arrive at 8.30 am and wait in the corridor area outside the hall until you are invited in by the photographer, family by family. Any purchases made will benefit the school.



Meet the Teacher – Year 6 – Thursday 27th September

Thank you to parents who came along to meet their child's new class teacher yesterday evening. We hope you found it useful and informative. Mr McEleney will be available to meet with parents next **Thursday 27th September from 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm**, deferred due to a clash with secondary school visits yesterday.

After School Activities

If your child is attending any of our clubs, i.e. Lego, Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Reading, please ensure payment is made via **ParentPay by next Wednesday 26th September**. If payment is not received, your child will not be able to attend and the place will be offered.

Dietary Needs & Allergy Forms

An important reminder that we are a **NUT-FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not include anything containing nuts in your child's packed lunch or snack.



Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

Did you know that the **school could receive £1,320 per child per year**, if you receive certain benefits? This can be claimed even though your child may already receive a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. If your child is in year three or above, to be eligible for free school meals the parent or carer must receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income (after tax and not including any benefits you get) must be less than £7,400 a year
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you think you are entitled to free school meals it is very important that you apply for them even if your child eats a packed lunch. This is because the amount of money a school receives from central government is dependent on the number of children entitled to free school meals.



Visit <https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/schools/pupil-benefits-and-allowances/free-school-meals.en?page=2> for more information and to apply online.



Lost Property & Second Hand Uniform

From today we will be displaying lost property on a Friday and second hand uniform items along the ground floor corridor. Unclaimed items will be offered for a donation. Parents are welcome to browse from 3.15 pm before collecting their children. Donations will go to the School Fund.

Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 5 should already be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a deadline of 31st October 2018.

In addition, we have included some information below which will help you with your initial research:

[Camden's secondary schools](#) aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life. **Booklets will be sent out early next week with details of the Camden secondary school options.**



Camden Council co-ordinates the transfer from primary to secondary school for admission to all Camden state secondary schools. Find out more about Camden secondary schools in [their annual guide](#).

- The next deadline to apply for Year 7 places will be **31 October 2018**.
- You can visit Camden secondary schools on their own open days and evenings.
- [Meet the Parents](#) also holds informal forums for primary parents at local schools across the borough.



You may also wish to access the 'Good Schools Guide' at: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/> where you will find details of the various options available to you.

Open days vary from school to school and from one London Borough to another, as do Admissions Policies. Please research this carefully. Faith schools will require you to complete their own Supplementary Application Form AS WELL AS the E-Admissions online form. To find out the open day dates, search online by Borough and they will be listed, e.g.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-schools-open-days-and-evenings>

Mr Nuttney has kindly compiled the following list of the dates of various secondary school open days or evenings. However, we would advise you to check the schools' websites carefully, in case of any changes that may occur. **There is a form you should request from the office, to let us know if your child will be out of school to attend any of these events.** Thank you.

- St Michael's Catholic College Bermondsey 24th September 9.30am to 4.30-7.30; 26th September 9.30am; or 1st October
- La Sainte Union 27th September 4-7pm, or 4th October 10am, or 10th October 2pm
- Sacred Heart 13th or 19th Sept 9.30am or 4.50pm
- Maria Fidelis every Termtime Tuesday 9.30am
- St. Thomas More Language College 13th September or 19th September 4.15pm
- London Oratory 13th, 18th or 25th September 6.30pm, or 1st October 2.30pm
- Cardinal Vaughan 18th or 27th September 4.30pm
- Greycoat 25th September or four dates in October (booking with the school required)
- Marylebone School for Girls 11th September 8.45am; 12th September 5pm; 14th September 8.45am; 18th September 8.45am; or 19th September 8.45am
- Central Foundation School for Boys 20th September 6pm; 27th or 28th September 9.30am
- Elizabeth Garrett Anderson 24th to 28th September 9.15am; 3rd October 6pm; 9th or 10th October 9.15am

Individual Meetings re Secondary Transfer – 3rd and 4th October 2018

Following last week's newsletter, Mr Nuttney has offered to be available to meet with parents on the dates given above, if you would like more specific advice about your secondary school application for your Year 6 child. Please call the school office to sign up for a time slot; appointments will be for a maximum of 20 minutes and between 8.30 am and 2.30 pm. Letters have gone out to Year 6 today about this.

PGL Residential School Journey – June 2019

Letters have also gone out today about the annual residential visit for Year 6 pupils, which will take place next Summer. This is a great opportunity for the children to enjoy a variety of activities and experiences and is always very much enjoyed by all. Non-refundable deposits will be required by **Monday 15th October**, together with your consent for your child to participate. Payment and permission must be made online via Parentpay. Thank you.



Dates and Events – IMPORTANT CHANGES

Last week's newsletter detailed many of the dates we had provisionally planned in for this term. Please note that these have been and are subject to change, but are correct at the time of 'going to press'. Changes are highlighted. In particular please note the change to the Infant Nativity and the KS2 Carol Service.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler

Headteacher

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Tuesday 25 th September 2018	Pedestrian Skills Training – Y5
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	Visit to Royal Courts of Justice - Y5
Thursday 27th September 2018	Meet the Teacher – Year 6 – 3.45 to 4.30 pm
Thursday 27 th September 2018	Individual photos
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th October 2018	Meetings re Secondary Transfer, Year 6
Monday 8 th October 2018	Citizenship Event- Y6
Tuesday 9 th October 2018 at 9.00	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 12 th October 2018 at 9.30 am	Harvest Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 16th October 2018	Flu Vaccine Nasal Sprays – Reception, Years 1 to 5
Thursday 18th October 2018	Coffee Morning – Prayer Meeting from 9 to 9.30 am
Friday 19 th October 2018	Terms end at 3.30 pm
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October 2018	Half term break
Monday 29 th October 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 th October 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 st October at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st November 2018	All Saints Mass at Corpus Christi
Wednesday 7 th November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 12 th November 2018	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery
Wednesday 21 st November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 23 rd November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Monday 26 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Tuesday 27 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery TBC
Friday 30 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Monday 3 rd December 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Friday 7 th December 2018	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 13th December 2018 at 2.00 pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14th December 2018 at 10.00 am	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Class Parties and Own Clothes Day
Friday 21 st December 2018	Term ends @ 1.15 pm



An Afternoon with Malorie Blackman, Children's Laureate
 Please see the information that follows about an event being presented by the Black Cultural Archives on Saturday 29th September.

An Afternoon with Malorie Blackman

Saturday 29 September, 2.00pm-3.00pm

Rooted in the teachings of BCA's co-founder Len Garrison, we invite hundreds of young people to a special gathering with the loved Children Laureate Malorie Blackman OBE. Award-winning and critically-acclaimed Malorie is celebrated for her ingenious and brave stories that transport young minds into future imaginings and possibilities. With more than 60 works in her repertoire, including the popular *Noughts and Crosses*, Malorie is renowned for stories that have inspired generations of children in Britain.

Join us at Lambeth Town Hall for storytelling and conversations led by Malorie Blackman with the next generation readers and future writers.

Children are free and must be accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets are £3.00/£8.00.

Also, pre-order your favourite Malorie Blackman title and get the opportunity to have your purchased book signed.

[Pre-order *Chasing the Stars* by Malorie Blackman for £8.00](#)

[Pre-order *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman for £8.00](#)

[Pre-order *A Dangerous Game* by Malorie Blackman for £7.00](#)

*All pre-order books will be available for collection upon receipt of valid ticket purchase on the day of the event.

PLEASE NOTE: This event will take place at Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW.

